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SUBJESSET: OPIC AGREEMENT

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1. CLOSE BUT NO CIGAR. OPIC SIGNING CEREMONY SCHEDULED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR AUG 22 CALLED OFF ONE HOUR BEFOREHAND DUE SUDDEN EXIGENCIES IN MINISTER'S SCHEDULE. PROTOCOL WILL SET NEW DATE. AS MINISTER LEAVES AUG 23 FOR FORTNIGHT KUWAIT AND LONDON, SIGNING BEFORE SEPTEMBER UNLIKELY.

2. WE ARE AGAINST OFFERING LANGUAGE REF (A) AT LAST MINUTE. TO DO SO RISKS OPENING ENTIRE NEGOTIATION ONCE AGAIN, AND COULD DELAY AGREEMENT FOR MONTHS. POSSIBLE BENEFIT SEEMS TOO SMALL FOR THAT, ESPECIALLY AT TIME WHEN AT LEAST ONE ACTUAL U.S. PRIVATE INVESTOR (GROVE ENGINEERS) ANXIOUSLY WAITING FOR AGREEMENT BE CONCLUDED. WOLLE

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